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A method for authenticating a portable object includes an information processing means and an information storage means. The information storage means contains at least one code defining operations capable of being executed by the portable object, as well as a one-way function. The method comprises sending  
5 the portable object an order so that the latter executes a calculation of a result by applying to said one way function at least part of said code. This result is used to decide whether or not the portable object is authentic.--

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